Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) Meeting Old Supreme Court Chambers, Colorado State Capitol May 4, 2012

Chairman Percy called the meeting to order at 1:15pm

Chairman Hereford Percy, Vice Chairman Dick Kaufman, Commissioners Larry Beckner, Jeanette Garcia, Happy Haynes Dr. Monte Moses, Dr. Patty Pacey, Jim Polsfut, Regina Rodriguez and BJ Scott were in attendance. Also in attendance were CCHE Advisory Committee members Michael Mincic, Dr. Toni Larson, Ruth Annette Carter and Dr. Frank Novotny.

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2011 CCHE meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beckner and passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONER AND ADVISORS REPORTS

Chairman Percy, on behalf of the Commission, testified before the House and Senate Education Committees and the House Finance Committee in support of SB12-015. He also presented at the Higher Education Association of the Rockies meeting.

Chairman Percy read a proclamation for out-going Commissioner Dave Edwards.

Commissioner Haynes and Vice-Chair Kaufman attended the April 26th meeting with institution representatives and Department staff to discuss the goals of the master plan.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Lt. Governor Joe Garcia, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, informed the Commission on personnel changes at the Department: Jim Parker's departure as Executive Director of the Division of Private Occupational Schools and Deb DeMuth's departure as Executive Director of CollegeInvest and College Assist.

The Lt. Governor also reported on the One Book for Colorado program that raised funds to purchase over 70,000 books to distribute to Colorado students through state libraries; his attendance of the Metropolitan State College of Denver's bill signing with the Governor, changing the institution's name to Metropolitan State University of Denver; his attendance at President Obama's community talk in Boulder about low interest rates for student loans and at the Frist Lady's opening of the Wounded Warrior games in Colorado Springs.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval Of Anthropology And French Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements

Degree Authorization Act: Request for Religious Exempt Authorization – Centennial State Baptist College

Proposal to offer a Doctor of Philosophy in German Studies at the University of Colorado Boulder

Proposal to offer a Master's of Science and a Doctor of Philosophy in Architectural Engineering at the University of Colorado Boulder

Proposal to offer a Master of Tourism Management degree at Colorado State University

Revised Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program List – Metropolitan State College of Denver

Revised Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program List - Colorado State University

Revised Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program List - Colorado Mesa University

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the consent items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haynes and unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Liane Morison, Executive Director of Great Education Colorado, John Giardino, Public Policy Director for Colorado PTA and Hailee Koehler asked the Commission to consider a resolution calling on the 69th General Assembly to make 2013 "The Year of the Student." It was requested that the CCHE take formal action on the resolution at a later meeting.

George Walker of Denver commented on the lack of higher education funding and his opinion that the Governor and Attorney General are wrong to try to overturn the Lobato case.

PRESENTATIONS

Scott Bodfish, Vice President of Market Research for enrollment management consulting firm Noel Levitz, presented an Enrollment Projection Model for Colorado's public institutes of higher education through 2021.

Tamara White Johnson, Director of Admission and Access Policy at the Department, provided an overview of an upcoming review of the CCHE's Admission and Transfer and the Remedial Education Policies.

Dr. Sonia Brandon, Director of Institutional Research and Assessment at Colorado Mesa University, presented her research on the efficacy of the Colorado Admission Index. Dr. Brandon demonstrated that recalibrate the index.

Dawn Taylor Owens, Executive Director, gave an overview of College in Colorado (CIC). CIC is a federal-funded initiative of the Department of Higher Education which promotes access to, affordability of and success in higher education.

Angela Baier, Interim Executive Director, gave an overview of CollegeInvest (CI). CI is a not-for-profit division of the Department of Higher Education that administers 529 College Savings Plans and provides information and financial planning tools to Colorado families.

Dr. Scott Mendelsberg, Executive Director, gave an overview of Colorado GEAR UP (CGU), the federally funded grant program designed to prepare low-income students for college.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Revised CCHE Policy IV: Statewide Extended Studies - Dr. Ian Macgillivray, Assistant Deputy Director, presented the revisions to this policy that removed unnecessary regulations and streamlined the Commission policies. These revisions were the result collaboration between Department staff and a transitional team of deans and directors from extended studies throughout the state. Dr. Macgillivray provided the original CCHE policy and the revised policy to the Commission for consideration.

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the revisions to the CCHE statewide extended studies policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haynes and unanimously passed.

Financial Accountability Plan Amendment for the University Of Colorado Denver (CU Denver) and Update Colorado State University – Pueblo (CSU-Pueblo) – Mark Cavanaugh, Chief Financial Officer, informed the Commission that the University of Colorado System is requesting approval from the financial accountability subcommittee for a tuition increase above 9 percent for resident undergraduates at CU Denver. The Colorado State University System informed the Department that that CSU-Pueblo had opted to defer its proposed credit hour window discount from FY 2011-12 to FY 2012-13 and submitted a letter to the Commission informing them of this action.

Commissioner Pacey moved to approve the Financial Accountability Plan amendment for CU-Denver as adopted by the Financial Accountability sub-committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott and unanimously passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Update on the Development of the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness (PWR) High School Diploma Endorsement - Emmy Glancy, Academic Policy Officer, and Tamara White Johnson, Director of Admission And Access Policy, in anticipation for the June 28th Joint Commission on Higher Education and State Board of Education, presented the next steps in the development of the PWR endorsed diploma criteria. At the June 28th meeting staff will seek approval of the criteria, pursuant to §22-7-1009 C.R.S., that states all higher education governing boards must approve the criteria before the endorsed diploma can take effect. The criteria include that the student:

- 1) Is College Ready in Math and English Language Arts
- 2) Completes an Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP)
- 3) Demonstrates 21st Century Skills
- 4) Demonstrates Mastery of Academic Preparation

Legislative Update – Chad Marturano, Legislative Liaison, discussed the status of upcoming legislation that impacts higher education.

SB12-015 Colorado ASSET Bill – This bill died along party lines in the House Finance Committee

HB12-1155 Improvements in College Completion – This bill passed the Senate Education Committee and is ready for the second and third readings in the Senate.

SB12-164 Operations of Private Post-Secondary Colleges - This bill passed out of the House Appropriations Committee and is ready for the second and third readings in the House.

Chairman Percy asked Commissioner Beckner to reiterate the statements he made previously regarding the Colorado ASSET Bill. Commission Beckner stated that as a life-long Republican, he has been in favor of the bill and believes it is important to keep the dream alive for as many Coloradoans as possible. He believes that the most important benefits of higher education are learning to be smarter; learning how to become a better person; learning how to better express yourself; and learning how to participate in a democracy. The focus shouldn't *just* be on preparation to get a job.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Master Plan Update – Dr. Matt Gianneschi reported that Department staff held the second of three meetings with chief financial officers, chief academic officers, and chief student services officers from the state's public colleges and universities on April 26th to discuss specific targets for the four master plan goals. Commissioner Haynes, Commissioner Pacey and Vice Chair Kaufman also attended. This meeting concentrated on the ways in which other state's developed

metrics to measure progress toward statewide goals. Dr. Patrick Kelly, from the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), provided a presentation that highlighted the performance plans of Tennessee, Missouri, Oregon, Indiana and Kentucky. The group then studied the different plans and discussed what they liked and didn't like and what concepts from the other states plans could be used in developing Colorado's plan. The following concepts received general support:

- 1) Interim Measures were valuable and should be incorporated
- 2) Volume of credentials produced was a viable and reasonable metric
- 3) On-time completion should be encouraged and measured in Colorado
- 4) Transfer In/Out to evaluate flow of students using transfer metrics
- 5) Developmental (Remedial) Education to be evaluated not by success *in* developmental courses but evaluated by success *after* completing developmental courses.

Also discussed were suggestions to employ three-year rolling averages to the metrics; recognize outstanding institutional performance via a special classification of "maintaining excellence"; incorporate measures of "satisfactory academic progress" and new ways for the Department to assist institutions in the state.

Commissioner Rodriguez moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haynes. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.